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Dr. Brooks Talks About Minneapolis.

Dr. Wm. H. Brooks, pastor of St Mark's M. E. Church, who is in Minneapolis, Minn., attending the M. E. Church Conference, has written to The Age in complimentary terms of Minneapolis and conditions there:

Dr. Brooks writes:

Minneapolis, although a young city, has many features which older cities would do well to copy. One may travel all day through the city without seeing a single saloon or any other indication of foulness. This is not because there are no saloons or wayward girls here, but because vice is localized. No saloon or house of ill fame is allowed beyond Sixth street. No moralist wants to think of vice as a necessary evil, still as it is here, is it not better to localize it as the German system, rather than have it scattered all over the city as New York?

The civil rights of the colored people are respected and industrial opportunities afforded. All the hotels, restaurants and other public places are opened to us in the same conditions as others and the relation between the races amicable. The largest hotels employ colored waiters.

Again and again I have felt like repeating Horace Greeley's advice, "Go West, young men, go West."

Miss Edith Leonard, well known in New York, is making an enviable record in St. Paul in the work assigned her. Besides the work of secretaryship of the Y. W. C. A. she is also probation officer in the courts and many friendless and unfortunate souls take courage in the struggle of life, where they find a pure, warm-hearted Christian young woman inspiring and sheltering them.

Many of the colored people own beautiful homes in St. Paul; among the best are those of Counsellor McGhee and Dr. Van Do Hurner. The doctor practices in all of the hospitals of the city and is one of the most popular in the West. After luncheon his automobile was placed at my service and for four hours I was driven through the city and parks, along the banks of the Mississippi, to the fall of Minnehaha, made famous by Longfellow, through a scenery of unsurpassed beauty and magnificance.

NEGROES MUST BESTIR THEMSELVES.

The time has come for the Negroes in the South to bestir themselves as they never have before. Instead of the South's [illegible] the South's [illegible] It is now incumbent upon them to get busy as they have never been busy before. Throughout the South meetings are being held to take charge of the great advance which that section will undoubtedly make after the completion of the Panama Canal and after great plans now being formulated are carried out.

There was recently held in Nashville, Tennessee, a meeting of the Southern Commercial Congress. At this meeting every conceivable thing to do with any feature of Southern progress—farming, dairying, poultry raising, deep water way [illegible] improvement—was discussed fully. About the same time a meeting of the Southern Educational Conference was held in the same place, at which meeting ambitious plans for the educational development of the South were discussed and set in operation.

There has now been called to meet in Houston, Texas, a convention of Southern Commercial Secretaries. The call for this latter meeting contains among other statements the following:

The spirit of the New South is upon these leaders of progress an dtheir concerted efforts have done more for the South during the past few years than has been accomplished in all the history of the past. With the co-operation of the directors and the sustaining forces behind them, the secretaries have set in motion some of the most gigantic world forces of progress and with a master hand they are swinging civilization around the South like planets around a central sun.

The history of our armed conquests, the deeds of our heroes, and the traditions of the glorious South are scarcely more thrilling than the industrial conquests of the past half decade. The merry hum of industry has hushed the cry of despair, and hope, like an inswept ocean, has flooded the Southland. the sound of the hammer has aroused its latent energies to resistless activity and awakened memories of old time power and prestige, and the scream of the factory whistle has stirred in Southern blood the iron spirit of the conqueror and we are entering the battle field of the world's commerce, alert, progressive and powerful.

The hour of destiny is fast approaching when the South, with one mighty surge of its organized forces, can pull the star of civilization within its borders.

During the past few years, many of our thoroughfares, beaten firm by the bare feet of the pioneers, have for the first time felt the elevating influence of the road grader. Macadam roads, magnificent boulevards and a network of public highways radiate from every city that has a live commercial club, and they stand as a monument to Southern ability and progress.

Beneath our soil lie the mineral vaults of the universe; from our iron, the wheels of the nation's commerce are moulded; our coal feeds the fires of American industry, and our oil lights the world's firesides, and yet we have untouched vast areas of mineral wealth awaiting the prospector's pick to flood the channel of trade with a golden stream of prosperity.

The plow-share has conquered millions of acres of virgin land and our entire agricultural area has felt the modifying influence of human skill; we have worked inspiration into the soil, tapped new and hidden veins of industry, and brought new products into life. The soil has caught the spirit of the New South and is yielding a harvest that will feed and clothe the world.

We urge our people to take note of the movement. We urge them to be in no way laggard in hitching themselves on to all of these plans for the development of the South. We urge them to put away needless and fruitless discussion of unimportant and non-essential details and to pray for a double baptism of this spirit of the new South which seems rampant throughout that section. No longer will it be possible for us to sit down discussing senseless subjects when the young white men of the South are getting ready to possess themselves of the land and the fullness thereof.